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Technical Assistance for Quality of Houses
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to constitute a National Technical Support Agency to provide technical assistance to the Union and State Governments in order to ensure the quality of construction of houses in the rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government also proposes to formulate any scheme in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) & (b): To provide technical support, to ensure quality of construction of houses in the rural areas and to achieve the target of Housing for All, a National Technical Support Agency (NTSA) for Rural Housing shall be set up at the national level. The activities of the Agency, inter-alia, include ensuring quality construction, monitoring of implementation, management of extra budgetary finances, Information Education and Communication (IEC) activities, development and management of e-governance solutions, data analytics, organize trainings &workshop, and coordinate / monitor / facilitate the functioning of Technical Facilitation Centres identified by the State / UT Governments. NTSA would also undertake any other activity relating to implementation of rural housing scheme as assigned by the Ministry. The NTSA shall hire professionals to provide need based skills to undertake the above activities.

As part of the above activities, NTSA would be involved in developing state-wise housing design typologies including Plan, Elevation, and Estimates appropriate to different regions, provide technical support during construction of houses as per identified designs, develop/modify training manuals on construction technologies, good practices in construction and oversee conduct of training for various stakeholders including rural mason training, coordinate production and supply of building materials, etc.

The National Technical Support Agency (NTSA) may also collaborate with other organisations/ institutions in the field of construction on technical matters and undertake studies and evaluation as suggested by the Ministry.

(c): No such proposal is under consideration in the Ministry of Rural Development.

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